Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 03 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 02 Dec 2020 at 15:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for deteriorating conditions on Friday, but lower for timing of rain and snow and snow falling level. Low confidence for the weekend and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 03 Dec 2020: Snow showers along the west coast, dry inland. Best of the sunshine in the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
70%	40%	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 03 Dec 2020

Weather: Frequent snow showers in the west during the early hours, Caithness hills largely dry with clear spells. After dawn, showers soon confined to the west coast leaving a dry day inland. A cloudy morning in the southwest around Knoydart, the Cuillin and Glen Shiel. Otherwise sunny spells, the best of these in the afternoon. Clear skies in the evening will allow temperatures to fall quickly.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% or more for most ranges with patchy low cloud near the west coast gradually lifting, but 10% or less during the morning south of Skye with extensive cloud above 400m, this lifting and breaking in the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally excellent, although the southwest of the area poor in low cloud during the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	23/29 SW	22/28 SW	18/22 SW	16/21 S	12/15 S	8/12 S	6/8 SE	7/9 E	11/14 NE
900	22/28 SW	21/27 SW	16/21 SW	15/20 S	11/15 S	9/12 S	6/8 SE	7/9 E	10/13 NE
600	16/22 SW	16/22 SW	10/15 SW	10/15 S	8/12 S	7/10 S	5/7 SE	4/7 E	7/10 NE
300	6/21 SW	5/20 SW	4/14 SW	4/13 SW	4/10 S	3/8 S	3/5 SE	4/7 E	5/11 NE
Glen	7/15 SW	8/18 SW	4/11 S	5/12 S	5/10 S	4/7 SE	5/7 E	5/8 E	6/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-14	-5/-13	-5/-13	-5/-13	-6/-12	-6/-11	-6/-10	-6/-11	-7/-13
900	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-5/-12	-5/-10	-5/-10	-5/-9	-6/-10	-6/-12
600	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-3/-8	-2/-7	-3/-7	-3/-6	-4/-7	-4/-9
300	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-3	-1/-3	-0/-2	-2/-4	-6/-9	-4/-7	-4/-7
Glen	2/-1	2/-2	2/-1	1/-1	3/1	2/0	0/-3	-0/-3	-0/-4
Freezing Level*	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	100m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A notable wind chill during the morning.

Forecast for Friday 04 Dec 2020

Weather: Clear skies lead to a cold, frosty start, sunny in the west, but high cloud in the east. Cloud thickens through the morning, snow flurries affecting ranges near the Great Glen from midday. Heavier, more persistent snow, rain below 800m, spreads west across most ranges in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northeast 15 mph, increasing to 35 gusting 40-45 mph by mid-morning, occasionally gusting 55-60 mph across the summits in the south in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 100% early morning. Western coastal ranges likely to stay cloud free through daylight hours, but increasingly extensive cloud lowering to 500-600m spreads west around midday or early afternoon, affecting all ranges by dusk.

Visibility: Excellent in the west for much of the day. Deteriorating to very poor at height as low cloud spreads west in the afternoon. Often near zero with blizzards and white out conditions at munro level.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius rising to minus 1 Celsius in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 0m, rising to 400m by late morning, 1000m by the evening

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